(d) Government will no longer select any promoter as fertilizer industry stands delicensed.

Drugs produced from basic Stages

661. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drugs which are produced from Basic Stages have been kept under price control inspite of heavy investment;

(b) if so, names of those drugs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that bulk drugs produced from imported penultimates intermediates, imported formulations and formulations produced from imported bulk drugs are outside price control;

(d) what are the names of such drugs and formulations;

(e) whether it is a fact that this is the main cause of outgo of foreign exchange and for inflation; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to reverse the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) There are a number of such drugs included under price control as production from basic stages and heavy investment was not a criteria for exclusion.

(c) and (d) The number of bulk drugs under price control is 143. There are a number of other bulk drugs which are presently outside price control. Use of imported material in manufacture of bulk drug or formulation was not a criteria for inclusion of bulk drug under price control.

(e) and (f) For reducing the outgo of foreign exchange in import of drugs and formulations, indigenous production would need to be strengthened and suitable incentives would have to be given. This is being considered as part of the ongoing review of the Drug policy.

Shortage of bulk drugs and Branded formulations

662. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and branded formulations for which shortages have been reported during 1990-91 and current year;

(b) what was the position about the shortage of these very branded during the last two years;

(c) what was the quantity of PAS and its salts, Thiacetazone Isoniazide Cetramide, Oxytocin, Ibuprofen Dapsone and Flofazimina sold by each of the producer to the non-associated formulators during the last two years and at what price;

(d) whether these drugs were sold directly by the producers or through their agents;

(e) names of the drugs sold through their distributors and agents;

(f) whether there has been shortage of any of these drugs in supply; and

(g) if so, names of those drugs and what steps have been taken to allow the imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) & (b) Shortage reports in respect of bulk drugs and branded formulations are received from different State Drug Controllers from time to time and the concerned manufacturers are advised to rush stocks of the branded formulations to the areas of shortage though other brands of equal therapeutic value are usually available. The time and labour involved in compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) to (e) This is not monitored in this Ministry.

(f) and (g) No general shortage of these bulk drugs was reported except some instances of shortage of formulations based on some of these bulk drugs in a particular locality where therapeutic equivalent were usually available.

Licensing scheme for drug units in the small scale sector

663. SHRI ANANT RAM JASWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances under which the Government have extended the loan licencing scheme for drug units in the small scale sector upto 31st December, 1991; and

(b) how Government propose to ensure that any further extention of the scheme does not lead to proliferation of bad quality drugs in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRTY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) In view of the difficulties expressed by the drug manufacturers, the dead line for discontinuation of loan licensing system in the Pharmaceutical Sector, was extended in March, 1990, from 31-3-1990 to 31-12-1991. The whole matter is being comprehensively reexamined in the light of further representations/ suggestions received in this regard.

Closing down HFC$_s$ unit at Haldia

664. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a letter from the Chief Minister of West Bengal, regarding the reported decision to close down Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation's unit at Haldia and seeking his intervention to stop the closure; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision has been taken to close down the Haldia fertilizer project of M/s. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited.

हिन्दुस्तान उर्वरक निगम का बरौनी एकक

665. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1988, 1989 और 1990 के दौरान हिन्दुस्तान उर्वरक निगम लिमिटेड का बरौनी स्थित एकक किन-किन कारणों से कितने-कितने दिन तक बंद रहा और इसके परिणामस्वरूप निगम को कितना घाटा हुआ ; और

(ख) इस एकक को आधुनिक बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार है ताकि इसके सुचारू कार्यकरण को और उत्पादन में वृद्धि को सुनिश्चित किया जा सके ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) बन्द रहने की सामान्य अवधि के अतिरिक्त बरौनी एकक 1988 में 155 दिनों के लिए, 1989 में 221 दिनों के लिए तथा 1990 में 150 दिनों के लिए बन्द रहा । इसके परिणामस्वरूप यूरिया के उत्पादन में क्रमश: 79,127 टन, 97,068 टन तथा 28,687 टन की हानि हुई ।

बन्द होने के प्रमुख कारण राज्य ग्रिड से रुक-रुक कर तथा अस्थिर पावर आपूर्ति संयंत्र के पुरानेपन के कारण उपस्कर एवं मशीनरी की बारम्बार खराबी तथा खराबियों को ठीक करने में श्रमिकों की निम्न उत्पादकता आदि है ।

(ख) इसके चालू एककों के निष्पादन में सुधार करने के लिए निगम की योजना के भाग के रूप में सीमित मात्रा पर बरौनी एकक का पुनरुद्धार करने के संबंध में हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कार्पोरेशन से एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है ताकि संयंत्र की आयु को आगामी कुछ वर्षों के लिए बढ़ाया जा सके और इसकी क्षमता उपयोगिता में वृद्धि हो ।